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Town Warrant

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, the County of Hillsborough, in said State, Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house, in said Bedford, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also three trustees to care for trust funds.

ART. II. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. III. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor, repair of roads and bridges, for Memorial Day and for any other necessary expenses of the town.

ART. IV. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes; if so, fix the time and date.

ART. V. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen dollars for the care of the clock on the church.

ART. VI. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the care of the new cemetery.

ART. VII. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money if needed.

Art. VIII. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the permanent improvement of highways under the law passed at the January session, 1905.

Art. IX. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate sufficient money to maintain electric lights for the ensuing year.

Art. X. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty dollars for the care of Joppa cemetery.

Art. XI. To see if the town will vote to buy a steam roller and raise and appropriate money for same.

Art. XII. To see if the town will vote to equip the town hall with electric lights, and raise and appropriate money for same.

Art. XIII. To see if the town wishes to adjust by vote the salaries of road agents and their employees.

Art. XIV. To see if the town will vote to allow the Bedford club the use of town hall free.

Art. XV. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sunday school free use of town hall for municipal Christmas tree.

Art. XVI. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and all other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto, and transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventeen.

PERHAM PARKER,
LEWIS E. HODGMAN,
HARRY W. PEASLEE,
Selectmen of Bedford.

A true copy. Attest:

PERHAM PARKER,
LEWIS E. HODGMAN,
HARRY W. PEASLEE,
Selectmen of Bedford.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF PRINCIPAL TOWN OFFICERS.

1916.		
Mar. 16.	Paid Frank Estabrook for services as first selectman	$147.00
	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman for services as third selectman	108.50
	Paid Martha French, town clerk's salary eight months.....	33.33
Mar. 17.	Paid Perham Parker for services as second selectman	140.00
Apr. 10.	Paid Geo. D. Soper for services as tax collector for 1915.....	115.00
June 1.	Paid Frank E. Manning for services as town clerk for four months....	16.66
1917.		
Feb. 13.	Paid E. R. French for services as treasurer from Feb. 15, 1915, to Feb. 15, 1916	55.00
		$615.49

Town Officers' Expenses.

1916.		
Mar. 16.	Paid Frank Estabrook for postage and telephone calls	$5.25
Mar. 17.	Paid Perham Parker for postage and telephone calls	7.25
June 9.	Paid Temple & Farrington Co. for one tax book.....	1.60
July 1.	Paid Edson C. Eastman Co., for cash book and tax book.....	3.00
1917.		
Feb. 14.	Paid F. E. Manning for telephone tolls and postage	3.70
Feb. 15.	Paid Perham Parker for postage and telephone tolls	9.80

Feb. 15.	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman, postage, envelopes and telephones	$3.72
		$34.32

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSES.

1916.		
Mar. 31.	Paid William Melendy, service as auditor and ballot clerk for 1915 and 1916	$9.00
Apr. 10.	Paid R. F. Rollins, service as moderator	5.00
	Paid George D. Soper, service as ballot clerk	5.00
May 1.	W. B. French, service as auditor....	2.00
Oct. 2.	R F. Rollins, service as moderator..	5.00
Dec. 1.	R. F. Rollins, service as moderator..	5.00
	William Melendy, service as ballot clerk, fall primary and election...	10.00
	E. B. Hull, service as supervisor and 22 bank checklists at 35c each....	42.70
	G. D. Soper, service as ballot clerk..	10.00
1917.		
Feb. 1.	Frank S. Crowell, supervisor checklist, 1915 and 1916.....	23.00
13.	Paid John F. Young for services as supervisor	35.00
	Paid Arthur N. Hodgman for services as ballot clerk for March, September and November, 1916..	15.00
15.	A. H. Holbrook for service as ballot clerk for March, September and November, 1916	15.00
		$181.70

CARE AND SUPPLIES FOR TOWN HALL.

1916.			
Mar.	17.	Paid Perham Parker for 12 cords of wood to town hall	$66.00
	31.	Paid George F. Barnard for care of town hall from April 1, 1915, to April 1, 1916	100.00
		Paid John Parkhurst for 1 cord wood to town hall	5.50
May	5.	Paid George F. Barnard, 1000 lbs. 3½ by 2 Union Carbine and freight $1.18	38.68
	17.	Paid J. B. Lodge for labor on town hall	7.30
Aug.	1.	Paid George Barnard, repairing lights at town hall	6.93
Sept.	18.	Clarence M. Edgerly, insurance of town hall	250.00
Dec.	1.	A. L. Franks & Co., supplies for town hall	7.85
1917.			
Jan.	1.	Paid John H. Stevens, plumbing....	7.98
Feb.	1.	Paid Geo. O. Spencer for 6 cords wood for town hall	36.00
		Paid Geo. H. Wiggin Co. for supplies for town hall	6.30
		Paid Barton Co. for repairs of curtain, town hall	12.56
	13.	Lewis E. Hodgman for 1 cord of wood for town hall	5.50
	15.	Paid Perham Parker for 2 cords wood for town hall	12.00
		Paid George F. Barnard for supplies for town hall	5.45
		Paid Geo. F. Barnard, 500 lbs. carbide and freight	19.34
			$587.39

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

1916.		
Mar. 31.	Paid Louis Faucher for services as police	$9.00
Apr. 10.	Paid Geo. H. Hardy for services as police, March primary	5.00
July 1.	Paid George Shepard for services as police, March primary	5.00
Aug 1.	Paid W. E. Chesbro for services as dog constable	22.50
Oct. 2.	Paid W. E. Chesbro for services as constable	13.00
Dec. 1.	Paid George Shepard for services as police at September primary and November election, 1916	10.00
	Paid Geo. H. Hardy for services as police at September primary and November election, 1916	10.00
1917.		
Feb.	Paid Samuel H. Ray for special police	2.50
		$77.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1916.		
July 1.	Paid Arthur N. Hodgman for services as fire warden	$2.90
Oct. 2.	Paid Arthur N. Hodgman for services as fire warden	39.25
Nov. 3.	Paid Arthur N. Hodgman for services as fire warden	44.01
		$86.16

MOTH EXTERMINATION.

Sept. 1.	Paid J. H. Putnam for picking moths	$1.50

INTEREST.

1916.		
Aug. 1.	Paid Amoskeag National Bank, interest on note	$90.00
1917.		
Feb. 13.	Paid Amoskeag National Bank, inteerst on note	90.00
		$180.00

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

May 5.	Paid Ignatz Wojsieki for goose and rabbits killed by dogs.....	$10.00
	Paid Guy A. Firn for rabbits killed by dogs	7.00
		$17.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

1916.		
Mar. 16.	Paid John B. Clarke Co. for printing town reports	$79.10
	Martha French, care of scales.....	15.00
	Paid Quincy Barnard, care of clock.	15.00
Nov. 10.	Paid Frank Welch, damage to horse, wagon and harness	7.00
Aug. 1.	Paid Chas. A. Perkins for legal advice	1.00
1917.		
Jan. 1.	Paid Luther L. Tarr for personal injuries, also on horse, wagon and harness	60.00
Feb. 1.	Paid Fireman Relief Ass'n for aid to firemen	50.00
	Paid Otto H. Grany for bounty on wildcat	2.00
	Paid Ralph M. Wiggin for care of scales to January 1, 1917.....	25.00

Feb. 13.	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman for order book and keys	$1.05
	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman for moving safe	3.00
Feb. 15.	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman for bounty on two hedgehogs and one wildcat	2.40
Feb. 14.	Paid H. E. Loveren for legal advice	10.00
	Paid Chas. D. Barnard for legal advice	3.00
	Paid George D. Soper for taxes bought by town	37.22
		$310.77

VITAL STATISTICS.

1916.		
Mar. 16.	Paid Martha French for returning vital statistics	$8.00
	Paid Joseph Taylor for returning vital statistics	1.50
1917.		
Feb. 14.	Paid Frank E. Manning for returning vital statistics	5.70
		$15.20

BOARD OF HEALTH.

1916.		
Mar. 16.	Paid L. M. Kinson for services as health officer for 1915.....	$7.10
Sept. 1.	Paid Ezra Jones for vaccinating seventy children	24.50
Dec. 1.	Paid L. M. Kinson for services as board of health	51.33
		$82.93

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, TOWN ACCOUNT.

1916.		
Mar. 16.	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman for breaking roads and money paid out....	$7.34
	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman, painting and putting up guideboards.....	3.50
	Paid Murdock H. Weathers, shoveling snow	5.25
	Paid L. M. Kinson, breaking roads and money paid out.....	28.93
	Paid Murdock A. Weathers, shoveling snow	5.25
17.	Paid J. B. Gamache, breaking roads and money paid out.....	8.73
16.	Paid George P. Tarr, breaking roads and money paid out	78.62
31.	Paid William Chesbro, breaking roads	15.20
	Paid E. J. Woodard, breaking roads and money paid out	24.80
	Paid George Tarr, breaking roads and money paid out	189.72
	Paid Omer Pepin, breaking roads and money paid out	42.62
	Paid John M. Sargent, breaking roads	10.50
	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, breaking roads and money paid out	154.14
	Paid Walter Cofran, breaking roads and money paid out	47.66
Apr. 10.	Paid J. H. Putnam, breaking roads	6.50
	Paid G. H. Hardy, breaking roads and money paid out	13.15
15.	Paid George W. Boynton, breaking roads	18.65
	Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on washouts and culverts	15.25

Apr.	15.	Paid J. B. Gamache, breaking roads and money paid out	$60.09
		Paid Donna Breault, cutting and drawing tree	7.00
	21.	Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out....	100.00
		Paid Lewis E. Hodgman, breaking roads and money paid out.....	39.29
	25.	Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	50.00
May	1.	Paid Frank T. Moore, one road scraper	13.00
		Paid F. S. Sargent, breaking roads and money paid out	5.60
		Paid Ernest A. Jenkins, breaking roads and money paid out	10.00
		Paid George H. Wiggin Co., breaking roads and money paid out ...	10.00
		Paid W. B. French, labor on roads and money paid out	20.00
		Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out	47.75
		Paid John M. Sargent, tools bought of J. B. Varick & Co.....	13.00
	5.	Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out.....	125.00
	8.	Paid J. B. Gamache, breaking roads and money paid out	5.63
	17.	Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out	54.90
		Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	120.00
June	1.	Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	55.10
		Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out	37.02
		Paid North East Metal Culvert Co. for two metal culverts	38.20

July	1.	Paid P. Graveline, filling washout...	$10.00
		Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out.....	75.00
		Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	100.00
		Paid Charles I. Colburn, breaking roads	20.25
		Paid J. H. Putnam, labor on highway	2.20
		Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out.....	44.25
Aug.	1.	Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	50.00
		Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	37.10
		Paid Walter Cofran, labor on highway and money paid out	200.00
Sept.	1.	Paid Gus. Pearson, breaking roads..	12.00
		Paid Gus. Pearson, labor on highway and money paid out	14.88
		Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on bridges	10.66
		Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out	21.02
		Paid J. H. Putnam, labor on highway	3.40
	26.	Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out	200.00
		Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	90.00
Oct.	2.	Paid New England Road Machinery Co., repairs on road machine.....	3.40
		Paid John M. Sargent, posts and rails	10.17
		Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out.....	184.42
		Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	95.00

Oct.	20.	Paid Walter Cofran, labor on highway and money paid out	$200.00
Nov.	1.	Paid John M. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out....	126.47
		Paid John B. Varick Co., tools	9.79
		Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out.....	43.75
	3.	Paid Chas. H. Grant, labor on highway and money paid out	22.77
	10.	Paid Irving Bruette, shoveling snow	2.00
		Paid Louis Faucher, shoveling snow	2.60
Dec.	1.	Paid North East Metal Culvert Co. for Armco culvert, 10x28.....	22.40
		Paid American Express Co., express on piping	1.32
		Paid Celibert Menard, use watering trough	3.00
		Paid Walter Cofran, labor on highway and money paid out	250.00
		Paid L. M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out	102.28
		Paid W. B. French, labor on highway	10.00
		Paid Frank R. Estabrook, 75 posts	18.75
1917.			
Jan.	1.	Paid Fessenden & Lowell, chestnut lumber for bridge	24.65
		Paid John M. Sargent, breaking roads and money paid out.....	33.85
		Paid L. M. Kinson, breaking roads and money paid out	20.00
Feb.	1.	Paid George O. Spencer, use of watering trough for 1915 and 1916	6.00
		Paid George H. Wiggin & Co., tools furnished town	15.52
	13.	Paid Louis Gault, removing tree from highway	2.00
		Paid Walter Cofran, breaking roads and money paid out	19.68

Feb.	13.	Paid T. E. Barr, breaking road....	$6.16
	14.	Paid Arthur N. Hodgman, breaking roads and money paid out	20.70
		Paid Arthur P. Fosher, breaking roads and money paid out	38.10
		Paid J. H. Putnam, labor on highway and breaking roads	5.20
	15.	Paid L. M. Kinson, breaking roads and money paid out	91.05
		Paid John M. Sargent for breaking roads and money paid out	143.40
		Paid M. A. Weathers for shoveling snow, 1916	14.00
Jan.	1.	Paid M. A. Weathers for labor on highway	35.00
Feb.	15.	Paid Chas. Bursiel for breaking roads	5.50
			$3,963.58
Snow bills for 1916-1917			$1,213.03

ACCOUNT OF NEW STATE ROAD.

1916.			
Oct.	20.	Paid J. M. George for labor on state road	$92.32
		Paid W. H. Hammond for labor on state road	81.00
		Paid W. H. Hammond for labor on state road	158.55
		Paid J. M. George for labor on state road	156.00
	27.	Paid J. M. George for labor on state road	156.00
		Paid W. H. Hammond for labor on state road	233.44
Nov.	3.	Paid J. M. George for labor on state road	146.58

Nov. 3.	Paid W. H. Hammond for labor on state road	$260.89
10.	Paid J. M. George for labor on state road	132.00
	Paid W. H. Hammond for labor on state road	255.00
18.	Paid W. H. Hammond for labor on state road	295.66
	Paid J. M. George for labor on state road	130.00
		$2,097.44
Received from state		388.00
Cost to town		$1,709.44

MAINTENANCE OF STATE AID ROAD.

Nov. 10.	Paid W. H. Hammond for labor on state road	$52.50
18.	Paid W. H. Hammond for labor on state road	197.46
		$249.96
Received from state		126.98
Cost to town		$122.98

MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAY ON RIVER ROAD.

1916.

Apr. 15.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on state highway, for week ending April 15	$13.15
22.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending April 22	22.50

Apr.	29.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending April 29	$16.65
May	6.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending May 6	22.35
	13.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending May 13	25.85
	20.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending May 20	20.21
	27.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending May 27	20.60
June	3.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending June 3	18.55
	10.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending June 10	22.48
	17.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending June 17	21.70
	24.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending June 24	21.85
July	1.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending July 1	21.75
	8.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending July 8	18.35
	15.	Paid E. A. Porter services as patrolman on River road for week ending July 15	21.90

July	22.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending July 22	$21.40
	29.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending July 29	18.35
Aug.	5.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending August 5	22.15
	12.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending August 12	21.85
	19.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending August 19.....	22.16
	26.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending August 26	21.10
Sept.	2.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending September 2	20.09
	9.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending September 9	18.30
	16.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending September 16	21.85
	23.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending September 23	23.00
	30.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending September 30	18.30
Oct.	7.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending October 7	22.15

Oct.	14.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending October 14	$18.30
	21.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending October 21	21.70
	28.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending October 28	21.60
Nov.	4.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending November 4	22.55
	11.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending November 11	21.55
	18.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending November 18	3.70
	25.	Paid E. A. Porter, services as patrolman on River road for week ending November 25	7.90
			$655.94

MAINTENANCE STATE AID ROAD.

Trunk Line.

May	17.	Paid George A. Woods, maintenance money on State Aid road	$323.75
June	1.	Paid George A. Woods, maintenance money on State Aid road	688.77
	7.	Paid George A. Woods, maintenance money on State Aid road	450.00
	14.	Paid George A. Woods, maintenance money State Aid road	203.60
		Paid George A. Woods, maintenance money on State Aid road	480.76

July	1.	Paid George A. Woods, maintenance money on State Aid road.....	$661.76
	14.	Paid George A. Woods, maintenance money on State Aid road.....	428.62
	14.	Paid George A. Woods, maintenance money on State Aid road.....	530.36
			$3,767.62
E. A. Porter			655.94
			$4,423.56
Received from state			3,106.57
Cost to town			$1,316.99

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

		Paid Manchester Traction, Light & Power Co., for lights	$201.06
Feb.	1.	Paid Manchester Traction, Light & Power Co., for lights to Nov. 1, 1916	111.64
Feb.	13.	Paid Manchester Traction, Light & Power Co., for lights to Feb. 1, 1917	44.66
			$357.36

PERSONS AIDED BY TOWN.

1916.			
Mar.	16.	Paid Hillsborough County farm, for board of Lucy Campbell, from Jan. 1, to Mar. 1, 1916.....	$25.71
		Lamoureaux Bros., for goods furnished George Welch	4.35
		Lamoureaux Bros., for goods furnished George Welch	4.09
	17.	Paid Perham Parker, aid to transients, 1915	6.60

Mar.	17.	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman, for taking Mrs. Wright to county farm.....	$2.00
	17.	Paid Perham Parker, for taking John McIntire to county farm.....	2.00
May	5.	Paid Hillsborough County farm, for board of Lucy Campbell, for Mar. 1 to May 1, 1916.....	26.15
June	1.	Paid Geo. H. Wiggin & Co., goods furnished George Welch	15.08
Sept.	1.	Paid George H. Wiggin & Co., goods furnished George Welch.....	11.60
1917.			
Jan.	1.	Paid Geo. H. Wiggin Co., goods furnished George Welch	25.42
Feb.	1.	Paid Hillsborough County farm, for board of Lucy Campbell, from July 1 to Dec. 16, 1915.....	79.43
		Paid Frederick L. Wallace Sons, for services as undertaker for Lucy Campbell	25.00
		Paid Geo. H. Wiggin & Co., for goods furnished George Welch	13.06
	13.	Paid Lewis E. Hodgman, for aid to transients	2.00
	15.	Paid Hillsborough County farm, from May 1 to July 1, 1916	26.15
		Paid Perham Parker, for three cords pine limbs @ $3.50 per cord, furnished George Welch	10.50
		Paid Perham Parker, aid to transients	6.60
			$285.74

PERSONS AIDED BY THE COUNTY.

1916.			
May	1.	Paid G. H. Greeley, medical attendance to Emerson Campbell.....	$7.00
	8.	Paid Lamoureux Bros., groceries furnished Frank Welch	5.00
July	1.	Paid Austin Kearns, groceries furnished Emerson Campbell	3.00
Sept.	1.	Paid Geo. H. Wiggin Co., goods furnished Artemy Sharkey	54.64
	26.	Paid Joseph Taylor, medical attendance for Emerson Campbell.....	3.75
1917.			
Jan.	1.	Paid Joseph Taylor, medical attendance for Mrs. Frank Welch	12.00
		Oscar Burns, aid to tramps.....	5.00
		Geo. K. Wiggin Co., goods furnished Artemey Sharkey	26.47
Feb.	1.	Paid Geo. H. Wiggin Co., for goods furnished Artemy Sharkey	8.72
		Paid Geo. H. Wiggin Co., for goods furnished Frank Welch	10.25
			$135.83

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

1916.			
Aug.	1.	Paid Charles P. Woodbury, for appropriation for new cemetery.....	$75.00
Sept.	1.	Paid Harry W. Peaslee, interest on Shepard and Parkhurst fund.....	10.24
	18.	Martha Woodbury, interest on Barr, Clark, Osgood and one-half of Patten fund	32.74
1917.			
Feb.	13.	Paid H. W. Peaslee, care of Joppa cemetery	7.00
			$124.98

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1916.			
June	1.	Paid William B. French, appropriation for public library	$90.36

MEMORIAL DAY.

1916.			
July	1.	Paid H. R. Fulton, for wreaths.....	$3.50

TAX COLLECTORS' ABATEMENT.

1916.			
Apr.	10.	Paid George D. Soper, discount on taxes for 1915.....	$132.45
		Paid Arthur E. Eastman, abatement school tax for 1915.....	47.70
Sept.	1.	Paid Frances E. Woodbury, abatement on library	10.43
	26.	Paid Chas. E. Saunders, abatement school tax	20.00
	2.	Paid W. H. Roberts, overtax.....	3.19
Nov.	3.	Paid D. H. Bartlett, abatement school tax	25.20
Dec.	1.	Paid H. J. Walker, abatement school tax	19.60
1917.			
Jan.	1.	Paid Charles H. Clark, abatement school tax	25.20
		Paid William Flanders, abatement school tax	25.20
		Paid John W. Daley, abatement school tax	57.12
Feb.	1.	Paid George Tarr, abatement on taxes	8.34
			$487.70

ABATEMENTS.

Chester Rausch	$2.00
Walter Atwood	2.00
Otis Quimby, Jr.	2.00
James Donovan	2.00
Albert Desrosier	2.00
Napoleon Valley	3.74
John Roberts	2.00
George Latullippe	2.00
Wilfred Cartier	2.00
Andrew Huntoon	2.00
Henry Jenkins	1.39
Alardd Lamore	2.00
Matthew Murry	2.00
Matthew Murry, Jr.	2.00
Dana Morey	2.00
Louis Nault	2.00
Elliott Campbell	2.00
J. W. Paquet	2.00
William Taffe	2.00
Fred Waters	2.00
Warren Thompson	2.00
James Speed	2.00
Phillippe Dequette	2.00
Charles Bayley	3.39
John Geddes	2.00
Charles Jones	2.00
Alfred Marrion	2.00
Tecla Skakun	2.00
Mary E. Russell	.63
Ovilade Darslepde	2.00
Thomas Marshall	2.00
Emile Laplante	2.00
Charles Boynton	3.39
Thomas Dean	2.00
Carl Klink	2.00

Timothy Murphy	$2.00
Michael Grady	2.00
August Somers	2.00
Wilber Hoyt	2.00
Joseph Peron	2.00
Peter Gilbert	2.00
John Bell	2.00
Harry Stuckles	2.00
David Brown	2.00
Georgina Campbell	....
Arthur Campbell	2.70
George Leary	2.00
George H. Signor	2.00
George Welch	5.48
Fred Welch	2.00
Henry Wright	2.00
David Mayo	2.00
Mrs. David Mayo	1.46
George A. Shepard, soldier	.70
James H. Bartlett	2.43

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax	$2,085.00
County tax	1,625.57
Town charges	1,500.00
Memorial Day	10.00
Care of clock	15.00
New cemetery	75.00
State Aid road	1,552.50
Electric lights	270.00
State Aid maintenance, River road	500.00
Highway tax	2,624.46
Public library	90.36
	$10,347.89

School Money.

Raised by law	$2,062.50	
Extra money	2,000.00	
Repairs	1,000.00	
High school tuition	400.00	
Books and supplies	450.00	
Flags	10.00	
		$5,922.50
Percentage		29.37
		$16,299.76

Number of polls (329)	658.00
Amount exempted by soldiers	6,350.00

Rate, $1.49.

ORDERS DRAWN.

Salaries and expenses of town officers	$649.81
Election and registration expenses	181.70
Care and supplies for Town Hall	587.39
Police department	77.00
Fire department	86.16
Moth extermination	1.50
Damages by dogs	17.00
Health department	82.93
Vital statistics	15.20
Memorial Day	3.50
Highways and bridges	3,963.58
State Aid maintenance	249.96
Electric lights	357.36
Public library	90.36
Town poor	285.74
County poor	135.83
Cemetery	124.98
Interest	180.00

Building State Aid road	$2,097.44
Abatements	487.70
Miscellaneous expenses	310.77
Trunk Line maintenance	4,423.56
	$14,409.47

VALUATION.

Improved and unimproved lands and buildings	$888,533.00
Horses, 405	45,525.00
Cows, 793	41,480.00
Neat, 105	3,400.00
Oxen, 4	225.00
Hogs, 53	565.00
Fowls, 5,445	4,170.00
Vehicles, 200	19,760.00
Mills, 12	2,175.00
Boats and launches, 2	100.00
Bank stock	1,100.00
Money on hand	1,610.00
Stock in trade	7,650.00
Wood bark and lumber	33,490.00
	$1,049,783.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

PERHAM PARKER,
LEWIS E. HODGMAN,
HARRY W. PEASLEE,
Selectmen of Bedford.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM MELENDY,
WM. B. FRENCH,
Auditors.

Report of Treasurer

(Year ending February 15, 1917.)

Received of treasurer, February 15, 1916.....	$273.70
Received of Geo. D. Soper, collector, amount tax due on 1915.....	3,192.99
Received of Geo. D. Soper, collector, tax 1916	12,521.00
Received of Frank E. Manning:	
Dog licenses	234.70
Junk licenses	40.00
Filing fees	6.00
Received of selectmen:	
Advertising, 1915	15.00
Advertising, 1916	15.00
Constable service	1.00
Varick Co., md'se returned	2.85
State fire bills	1.45
Money due from county.....	151.43
Highway aid from state	357.57
Trunk line maintenance from state	3,181.57
Received of Charles P. Woodbury, ½ cemetery lot	6.00
Received of Geo. F. Barnard, rent of hall.....	97.00
Received of Ralph D. Wiggin, use of scales....	22.80
Received of Amoskeag National Bank, on note .	2,500.00
Received of Ervin R. French, on note.....	1,500.00
Received of State:	
Insurance tax	12.00
Railroad tax	625.96
Savings bank tax	2,169.85
Literary fund	161.46
Proportion of school fund	698.36
	$27,787.69

Credit.

Paid orders drawn current year ending Feb. 15, 1917	$14,409.47
State tax	2,085.00
County tax	1,625.57
Mary E. Manning, treasurer school board	6,970.82
Amoskeag Nat'l Bank, note and interest	2,518.75
	$27,609.61

Assets.

Due from collector (1916)	$3,778.77
Cash on hand	178.08
	$3,956.85

Liabilities.

Amoskeag National Bank (note)	$4,000.00
Ervin R. French (note)	1,500.00
Town officers' salaries (estimated)	700.00
Dog money	234.70
	$6,434.70
Balance against town	$2,473.85

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ERVIN R. FRENCH,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

WILLIAM MELENDY,
WM. B. FRENCH,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF NEW CEMETERY

(February 15, 1917.)

Receipts.

Balance in treasury	$22.25
Appropriation of town	75.00
Interest on Swett fund	6.08
Interest due on trust funds	34.69
	$138.02

Expenditures.

Repairs on lawn mowers	$3.00
Plants and fertilizer	5.00
Grass seed and lead	.85
John McDerby, labor	8.50
Charles P. Woodbury, labor, received	85.98
Charles P. Woodbury, labor, balance due	16.02
Interest due on trust funds	18.67
	$138.02

Received for Cemetery Lots.

Estate of Elizabeth Marshall	$6.00
Paid town treasurer	$6.00

E. P. FRENCH.
LOUIS GAULT.
CHARLES P. WOODBURY.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing report and find it correct.

WILLIAM MELENDY.
WILLIAM B. FRENCH.

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

(For Year ending February 15, 1917.)

Total number of books in the library, February 15, 1917	2,530
Total number of books added during the year	65
From Mrs. Frances E. Woodbury and Martha E. Woodbury, New York	23
From town appropriation	15
From New Hampshire, secretary of state, reports and papers	12
From Moses G. Shirley, Goffstown, N. H.	4
From Ladies' Current Events Club, Bedford, N. H.	1
From Mrs. Wm. Dickey, Bedford, N. H.	2
From Allen F. King, Bedford, N. H.	2
From John Campbell, Bedford, N. H.	1
From Miss Abbie Walker, Lowell, Mass.	1
From Warren Brown, Hampton Falls, N. H.	1
From Mrs. Jennie M. Burleigh, Manchester, N. H.	1
From Arthur E. Clarke, Manchester, N. H.	1
From Arthur W. Holbrook, Manchester, N. H.	1
Total circulation for the year	2,004
Total circulation per month	167

116 books are now being repaired at Temple & Farrington's, Manchester.

Magazines solicited, all such are circulated in the outlying districts.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN F. KING,
W. H. ROBERTS,
WM. B. FRENCH,
Trustees.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

1916.		
Mar. 1.	Balance on hand	$16.75
	From town	90.36
		$107.01

Expenditures.

	Paid Mr. Ray for book	$1.00
July 1.	Paid W. P. Goodman	3.60
Aug. 19.	Paid Minnie King	38.00
Feb. '24.	Paid Minnie King	37.50
	Paid W. P. Goodman	13.52
		$93.62
Balance on hand		13.49
		$107.11

WM. B. FRENCH,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report and find it correct.

WILLIAM MELENDY.

Report of School Board.

(For Year ending February 15, 1917.)

At the annual district meeting held March 8, 1916, Mr. Wm. Melendy was elected moderator, Mr. Edmund B. Hull clerk, and Miss Mary E. Manning, treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Bertha E. French was reëlected a member of the school board for three years and Mr. Wm. S. Manning was elected a member of the school board, to complete an unexpired term of one year.

A change was made last August in the towns forming our supervisory district, which now consists of New Boston, Goffstown precinct, and Bedford. These towns being near together are favorably located for this purpose.

At a supervisory meeting held in Goffstown last August, Mr. Wm. McDonald was chosen superintendent. He came to us after having had several years' experience and success in rural work, and we feel confident that the schools will continue to improve under his supervision.

Several of our former teachers were retained this year. An effort has also been made to secure more trained teachers; all of which has tended to greater efficiency. This is important, as an effort has been made to bring our schools up to grade, as laid out in the state program of study for 1916. Only earnest, efficient teachers can accomplish this, and our teachers are to be commended for their efforts in this direction.

An effort has been made to meet the state requirements for sanitation, also for heating and lighting our school rooms. This could not be wholly accomplished in one year,

but new closets have been installed at Nos. 2 and 6, new desks and seats in Nos. 4, 5 and 6, and jackets for the stoves in Nos. 1, 4, 5 and 11. Slate blackboards are now found in all the school rooms, all but two rooms having been supplied this year. The roof of No. 3 has been reboarded and shingled. No. 6 has had a new floor laid and roof shingled. One-half the roofs of Nos. 8 and 10 schoolhouses have been shingled. The windows of Nos. 1, 2 and 5 have been arranged so that the light will reach the pupils from the left and rear as required by the state. As long as we attempt to occupy eleven schoolhouses they must be kept in repair, and about $500 annually seems to be needed for this purpose.

The following is an estimate of the amount of money required to meet the statutory obligations for 1917, and this report is a notice to the selectmen as required by law.

For High school tuition	$500.00
Text-books and supplies	350.00
Flags and appurtenance	10.00
	$860.00

All of which is respectfully submitted by the school board.

WM. S. MANNING.
WILLIAM MELENDY.
BERTHA E. FRENCH.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Board of the Town of Bedford:

I hereby submit my annual report on the schools of Bedford.

Assuming the duties of superintendent of your schools last fall, I have found them to be in fairly good condition, considering the fact that there are so many one-room buildings and that they are so widely separated over the town. Of course such a situation is a difficult one to handle from a superintendent's point of view, especially during the winter months. However, I found the schools under good teachers for the most part, fairly well equipped as to apparatus, yet suffering somewhat from lack of consolidation of schools and from inadequate buildings.

I think that no one can gainsay the fact that the greatest factor in making a good school is a good teacher. If I could rate the relative importance of a teacher in a school system on a percentage basis I would say that she constitutes at least ninety per cent of what goes to make up a good school. If this be the case our activity should be directed to the upbuilding and permanency of our teaching force. As a rule teachers in your town change positions too often. The school seems to be sort of a melting pot where they receive their experience to go on to better salaried positions or fail to do their work well and are in consquence not asked to return. In either case the town loses. It seems to me that the biggest proposition which confronts the schools is to inaugurate a policy which will provide for a good permanent teaching force.

To accomplish this several things must be done. First of all the brightest girls of your town, those of good native

ability, vigorous, and with a keen desire to give a good day's work, should be induced to train themselves to teach and to come back to undertake the work of the school at home. Incidentally the salaries should be raised so as to attract and hold this class of teachers. Everything else being equal, the town should employ more and more trained teachers (normal school graduates or those holding state certificates) for under the present law the town receives a rebate from the state of two dollars a week, or seventy-two dollars a year, on this class of teachers. This a possible state aid of seven hundred ninety-two dollars, is a factor which should not be lost sight of. Your superintendent is convinced that this is the biggest school problem to be solved when the individual teacher counts for so much in the success of the schools.

There is a tendency in education at present looking to the modification of the work of the seventh and eighth grades, commonly known as the Junior High school. It provides for a change in the grammar grades so that some of the high school subjects, notably a modern language and elementary Latin, together with some elementary high school mathematics are to be taught in the Junior High school, and other former work of the grammar grades pushed back into the fifth and sixth years. The value of this movement is apparent,—it bridges what has been a difficult transition from eighth grade to high school. Already some New Hampshire towns and cities have adopted the plan and if our neighboring city, Manchester, decides on this advance step, as it undoubtedly will eventually, our pupils will have to be so trained as to fit into the Manchester high school. It is none too soon to consider a step whereby we may keep the schools progressively inclined. I recommend that a Junior High school be established at Bedford Center next fall with a special teacher and a special room and that children of the seventh and eighth grade all over the town be allowed to attend this school.

I am glad to note in this report the very considerable constructive work done in repairing and remodelling the

schoolhouses. All of the schools have some slate blackboard and this is indeed a blessing and perhaps an economy, seeing that paper has advanced more than three hundred per cent in a year. I hope that the board may be able to add more until the schools are well equipped in this respect. In some cases the outbuildings are so situated now that the children are not forced to go out of doors in cold and stormy weather. This is a great improvement and is highly recommended by the state department. Best of all, perhaps, in the way of additions to the equipment are the jacketed stoves which provide for a uniform temperature throughout the schoolroom and for sufficient ventilation. With this device a child may sit at a considerable distance from the stove and yet be as warm as one next to the stove. Number five school in particular, a school with a large number of pupils for its size, is greatly helped on account of the added ventilation of the jacket. I hope that we can go right ahead with this movement so well started.

Inasmuch as the voters do not always understand the manner of getting financial aid from the state, it might be well for me to explain the law in this regard. There are several kinds of state aid. The aid for qualified teachers (spoken of above) and the aid based on attendance are given to towns fulfilling the following conditions:

1. Such towns must not have an equalized valuation of more than $9,500 per pupil of average attendance.

2. The tax rate for school purposes must be greater than $3.40 on a thousand dollars of equalized valuation.

The state also aids by paying one-half of the superintendent's salary and by the literary fund, so called. From the financial report it will be seen that Bedford gets a tidy sum from the state, and yet if the average number of pupils attending falls off, the town will lose a large part of it. We must do everything in our power to keep up the number of those attending and also a regular attendance. I have made numerous calls to get children into school and the truant officer has been helpful in this direction, but it does not seem to me that the attendance is yet satisfactory.

In certain cases I would recommend that the board take legal action to compel children absent illegally to attend school regularly.

I recommend very urgently all measures calculated to keep our good teachers in town and destined to build up a permanent corps of teachers. Conspicuous among such measures would be an increased salary sufficient to attract and to hold. I hope that the board may continue its policy, already inaugurated, of adding liberally to the school equipment in order to make general working conditions more satisfactory.

I wish to express my appreciation of the uniform courtesy of the members of the board, teachers, pupils and parents.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM L. MACDONALD,
Superintendent.

GRAND ROLL OF HONOR.

(Year ending July 15, 1916.)

Perfect Attendance for the Year.

Robert Ramig, Clara Ramig, Roy Jenkins, Roseanna Therrien, Hazel E. Boynton, Gardner F. Manning, Henry Volkman, Clara Volkman, Ernestine Volkman.

ROLL OF HONOR.

(Year ending July 15, 1916.)

Perfect Attendance.

Fall Term—Alice Hardy, Alice Melendy, Robert Ramig, June Weathers, Clara Ramig, Richard Ramig, Roy Jenkins, Maurice W. Godbout, Cora J. Godbout, Alice E. Godbout,

Urbain Guertin, Roseanna Therrien, Erma G. Boynton, Hazel E. Boynton, Helen A. Boynton, Florence J. Hodgman, John A. La Tulippe, Alice L. Robertson, Ethel M. Robertson, Gardner F. Manning, Earl L. Parker, Erwin Parkhurst, Ivan S. Parkhurst, Kenneth Parkhurst, Lloyd Parkhurst, Cecile Parker, Alice L. Sargent, Florence M. Tarr, William Lambert, Henry Volkman, Delia Thibaudeau, Marion Villeneuve, Clara Volkman, Ernestine Volkman.

Winter Term—Minna Grann, Alberta Graveline, Philip Harrington, Eva Lahey, Walter Melendy, Robert Ramig, Clara Ramig, Richard Ramig, Merritt Campbell, Arlene Langevin, Blanche Langevin, Stella Langevin, Helen Russell, Ernest Jenkins, Roy Jenkins, Amile Langevin, Oliver Langevin, Clarence Staples, Edward Russell, Alfred Dwire, Yvonne Boulanger, Wilfred Donault, Urbain Guertin, Roseanna Therrien, Dorothy Wright, Lillian Wright, Erma G. Boynton, Hazel E. Boynton, Thomas Davis, Florence J. Hodgman, Ethel M. Robertson, Gardner F. Manning, Earl L. Parker, Ivan S. Parkhurst, Cecile Parker, Geo. M. Sargent, Arthur M. Sargent, Aurea Lambert, Ernestine Volkman, Clara Volkkman, Henry Volkman.

Spring Term—Minna Grann, Bernice Holbrook, Agnes Lahey, Eva Lahey, Alice Melendy, Robert Ramig, Clara Ramig, Harriet Shepard, Frank Barnard, Blanche Langevin, Arlene Langevin, Amile Langevin, Oliver Langevin, Helen Russell, Ernest Jenkins, Roy Jenkins, Alfred Dwire, Leona Godbout, Bertha Hilchey, Roseanna Therrien, Hazel Boynton, Gardner F. Manning, Erwin Parkhurst, William Peaslee, Robert Reed, Rachel P. Smith, Arthur M. Sargent, Doris E. Tarr, Florence M. Tarr, Clinton Hodgman, Henry Volkman, Clara Volkman, Ernestine Volkman.

SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE

(School Year Ending July 15, 1916

School	Term.	Teacher	Whole No. of Pupils	Weeks in Term	Av. Daily Attendance	Av. Daily Absences	Per Cent of Attendance	Visits by Supt.	Wages per Month
1 Gram.	Fall ...	Katherine W. Mannion.....	24	15	22	1	95	10	$48.00
	Winter	Katherine W. Mannion.....	23	8	21	3	89	6	48.00
	Spring	Katherine W. Mannion.....	22	12	21	2	92	7	52.00
1 Prim.	Fall ...	Martha A. Loud.....	26	15	22	3	86	10	44.00
	Winter	Martha A. Loud.....	24	8	19	5	79	6	44.00
	Spring	Martha A. Loud.....	23	12	20	2	89	7	44.00
2	Fall ...	Harold B. Grant.....	18	13	11	1	89	7	36.00
	Winter	Rhoda P. Jones.....	13	9	12	0	100	4	40.00
	Spring	Rhoda P. Jones.....	14	12	12	1	99	2	40.00
3	Fall ...	Hazel A. Newton	9	14	7	2	78	6	32.00
	Winter	Hazel A. Newton.....	8	9	7	1	83	3	32.00
	Spring	Eva G. N. Mayhew..	10	12	7	1	89	4	34.00
4	Fall ...	Lucy S. Williams..	30	14	24	3	88	9	44.00
	Winter	Lucy S. Williams.....	29	9	20	8	72	4	44.00
	Spring	Lucy S. Williams....	29	12	22	6	78	4	44.00
5	Fall ...	Martha J. Tirrell.....	26	15	23	3	89	6	44.00
	Winter	Martha J. Tirrell.	24	8	21	3	88	2	44.00
	Spring	Martha J. Tirrell	27	12	21	4	85	3	44.00
6	Fall ...	Marian M. Clark.....	10	15	8	0	97	5	34.00
	Winter	Marian M. Clark.....	9	8	9	0	94	1	34.00
	Spring	Marian M. Clark.....	11	12	11	0	95	6	34.00
9	Fall ...	Corrine M. Scollard.....	12	15	11	0	98	7	40.00
	Winter	Corrine M. Scollard.....	11	8	11	0	97	3	40.00
	Spring	Corrine M. Scollard.....	14	12	13	1	96	4	40.00
10	Fall . .	Nettie T. Tarr.....	18	15	16	1	88	5	36.00
	Winter	Nettie T. Tarr...	15	8	11	2	84	2	36.00
	Spring	Nettie T. Tarr.....	23	12	17	1	94	4	36.00
11	Fall ...	Norman C. Tice.....	31	15	27	2	92	7	44.00
	Winter	Isabel E. Adams.....	29	8	23	6	81	4	44.00
	Spring	Isabel E. Adams.....	27	10	17	9	66	4	44.00

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

June 14, 1916.

Henry Alfred Blood
Gillis French
Minna Clara Granz
Yvonne Gamache
Eva Alice Lahey
Walter Stevens Melendy
Earl Leslie Parker
Kenneth William Parkhurst
Olive Watson Quaid
George Wilber Sargent
Alice Louise Sargent
Rachel Palmer Smith
June Roosevelt Weathers

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Spring Term.

Katherine W. Mannion, grammar school, 12 weeks	$156.00
Martha A. Loud, primary school, 12 weeks.....	132.00
Rhoda P. Jones, No. 2 school, 12 weeks.....	120.00
Eva G. N. Mayhew, No. 3 school, 12 weeks.....	102.00
Lucy S. Williams, No. 4 school, 12 weeks.....	132.00
Martha J. Tirrell, No. 5 school, 12 weeks.....	132.00
Marian M. Clark, No. 6 school, 12 weeks.....	102.00
Corinne M. Scollard, No. 9 school, 12 weeks.....	120.00
Nettie T. Tarr, No. 10 school, 12 weeks.....	108.00
Isabel E. Adams, No. 11 school, 10 weeks.....	110.00
	$1,214.00

Fall Term.

Katherine W. Mannion, grammar school, 12 weeks	$156.00
Frances M. Twomey, primary school, 12 weeks...	120.00
Anastasia B. Ryan, No. 2 school, 12 weeks.....	132.00
Eva G. N. Mayhew, No. 3 school, 12 weeks.....	108.00
Helen B. Burns, No. 4 school, 12 weeks.....	144.00
Abbie E. Kendall, No. 5 school, 12 weeks.....	144.00
Mabelle C. Dow, No. 6 school, $2\frac{3}{5}$ weeks.....	20.80
Jennie Belle Harwood, No. 6 school, 4 weeks....	36.00
Marian C. Farley, No. 6 school, 5 weeks.....	45.00
Nettie T. Tarr, No. 8 school, 12 weeks	108.00
Corinne M. Scollard, No. 9 school, 8 weeks.....	88.00
Clara C. Slattery, No. 9 school, 1 week.....	11.00
Elizabeth Eastman, No. 9 school, 1 week.....	11.00
Elizabeth C. Farley, No. 9 school, 2 weeks.....	20.00
Florence E. Landers, No. 10 school, 12 weeks....	102.00
Lucy S. Williams, No. 11 school, 12 weeks.....	132.00
	$1,379.80

Winter Term.

Katherine W. Mannion, grammar school, 9 weeks	$117.00
Frances M. Twomey, primary school, 9 weeks....	90.00
Anastasia B. Ryan, No. 2 school, 7 weeks.....	77.00
Eva G. N. Mayhew, No. 3 school, 7 weeks.....	63.00
Helen B. Burns, No. 4 school, 7 weeks.....	84.00
Abbie E. Kendall, No. 5 school, 7 weeks.....	84.00
Florence E. Landers, No. 6 school, 6⅘ weeks.....	61.20
Elizabeth C. Farley, No. 6 school, ⅕ week.....	1.80
Marian C. Farley, No. 6 school, 1 week.....	9.00
Nettie T. Tarr, No. 8 school, 7 weeks.....	70.00
Corinne M. Scollard, No. 9 school, 5⅖ weeks.....	64.80
Elizabeth C. Farley, No. 9 school, 1⅗ weeks.....	16.00
Carrie C. Jordan, No. 10 school, 7 weeks.....	63.00
Lucy S. Williams, No. 11 school, 7 weeks.....	77.00
	$877.80
Paid amount due teachers for winter term, 1915-16	$243.00

FUEL.

Paid W. S. Manning:		
4¾ cords hard wood	$28.50	
⅝ cords soft wood.....	2.50	
		$31.00
Paid C. Harry Gage, kindling, Nos. 1 and 2.....		4.75
Paid W. S. Manning:		
28¼ cords hard wood.....	$169.50	
9 cords soft wood	36.00	
		205.00
Paid F. H. Masse, 9 bales shavings.....		1.80
Paid C. H. Gage, kindling, Nos. 1, 2, and 5.....		6.75
		$249.80

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid	W. P. Goodman, school record books		$2.40
	John B. Clarke Co., 300 grammar school programs		3.25
	Williams Printing Co., superintendent's stationery, etc.		4.17
	F. G. Libbey, postage, telephone, express, etc.		5.20
	Chas. A. Hoitt Co., chair and floor brushes		8.75
	A. H. Holbrook, wire fence and stone, No. 6		3.50
	Eva Parker, labor on schoolhouses		3.65
	G. A. Porter, cleaning vaults and glazing, Nos. 4 and 11		3.00
	W. S. Manning:		
	Window, stone, and teaming, No. 3	$1.25	
	Cleaning chimney and stovepipe, Nos. 3 and 9	2.00	
	expense two schoolboard meetings, Goffstown	2.00	
			5.25
	Cleaning schoolrooms:		
	Mary O'Conner, No. 2	$3.00	
	Mrs. Marshall, Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 11	12.00	
	Mrs. Boynton, No. 6	3.00	
	Mrs. Sargent, No. 10	2.50	
			20.50
	J. L. Hamett Co., 3 water jars		6.00
	Martha J. French, enumeration pupils		10.00
	L. M. Folsom, graduation ribbon		1.56
	Mary E. Manning, postage and stationery		4.24
	Express and freight		4.55
	Wm. Melendy, postage, telephone, express, labor, Nos. 1 and 2, etc.		9.48
	Bertha E. French, cleaning, No. 1, telephone, labor, etc.		17.40
			$112.90

JANITORS.

Paid for winter term, 1915-16	$21.00
Spring term	29.50
Fall term	33.00
No. 1 school, winter term, 1916-17	5.00
	$88.50

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Nettie T. Tarr:	
No. 8 and No. 10, 2 weeks	$12.00
No. 8 and No. 10, 12 weeks	87.00
Lillian R. Dunlap:	
One pupil, spring term	22.00
One pupil, fall term	24.50
Frank Nadeau, one pupil, 19 weeks	19.00
Car fare, Stowell's to South Bedford:	
J. A. Bryant, one pupil, winter term	2.30
J. A. Bryant, one pupil, spring term	3.00
J. A. Bryant, one pupil, fall term	2.90
E. J. Woodward, one pupil, winter term	3.22
E. J. Woodward, transportation and car fare, two pupils	20.06
	$195.98

TUITION, AMHERST, N. H.

Paid F. Brown, for Jeanne Nadeau, 15 weeks	$7.50

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Appropriation		$400.00
Paid Manchester High School:		
Spring term, 8 pupils	$101.04	
Fall term, 8 pupils	117.92	
Winter term, 8 pupils	92.56	

Paid Milford High school:			
One-half year, 2 pupils.....		$40.00	
McGaw Normal Institute, 1 pupil, 33 weeks		33.00	
			$384.52
Balance unexpended			$15.48

FLAGS.

Appropriation			$10.00
Paid H. A. Wales, 2 flags		$5.00	
Bertha E. French, 4 flags		1.00	
			6.00
Balance unexpended			$4.00

SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriation for repairs.....			$1,000.00
Paid Vt. School Seat Co., 6 desks and chairs, No. 1.....		$20.10	
Heyward Bros. & Wakefield Co., school seats, Nos. 4, 5, and 6...		397.75	
Sears, Roebuck & Co., 166 sq. ft. slate blackboard		28.22	
O. D. Case & Co., 169 sq. ft. slate blackboard		30.13	
H. J. Lawson, two 40″ and two 50″ stove jackets		65.00	
West Side Lumber Co.:			
Lumber, shingles, etc., No. 3...		109.01	
Lumber and teaming, No. 2	$5.61		
Shingles, No. 6	27.00		
		32.61	
Finish lumber		.77	

Paid W. S. Manning:		
Mason, labor and teaming, No. 5	$15.25	
Carpenter, nails, lumber, paint, labor, etc., No. 6	39.45	
Plastering, No. 10	.75	
		$55.45
Manchester Hardware Co., nails, paint, etc., No. 6		10.54
J. Hodge, windows, doors, lumber, etc., No. 6		17.09
West Side Lumber Co.:		
Shingles, labor, etc., No. 6	$18.96	
Laths, No. 5	.50	
		19.46
W. S. Manning, 1,803 ft. lumber		36.06
J. Hodge:		
Windows, lumber, etc	$8.20	
Door and lumber, No. 2	2.55	
		10.75
Adams Bros., plaster, cement and lime		4.55
John F. Gove, labor, No. 6		2.50
J. H. Stevens, ash door, thimble and cap		.80
A. J. McKelvie, 30 ft. eaves trough and supplies		4.80
A. C. Hodgman, labor and supplies,, Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8		55.15
Geo. Tinker, labor, No. 8		11.50
Ira S. Brigham, labor:		
Labor, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5		9.00
Labor, Nos. 1, 4, and 5		5.50
W. S. Manning:		
Labor and supplies, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11	$33.00	

Teaming, shingles and slate, Nos. 3, 8 and 10.	$7.00		
		$40.00	
J. B. Varick Co., hardware supplies		3.60	
J. M. Sargent, labor and supplies, No. 10		10.50	
J. B. Varick Co., stove pipe, etc.		4.64	
C. L. Wolf, labor, stove pipe, etc.		1.25	
Paul Schricker, replacing window, No. 2		9.30	
H. E. Webber, labor, brick, cement, etc.		20.16	
E. L. Conner, labor and teaming, Nos. 5 and 6		8.75	
Wm. Melendy:			
Labor, No. 2	$26.55		
Labor and supplies, Nos. 3, 4 and 5	5.13		
		31.68	
E. R. French, team for installing seats		2.00	
Chas. A. Roberts, labor, No. 2		25.00	
A. C. Hodgman, labor, Nos. 1, 4, 5, 2, 3, 4 and 5	5.13		
		$1,093.82	
Drawn from school funds			93.82
			$1,093.82

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation		$450.00
Paid Chas. Scribner's Sons	$25.90	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	7.96	
American Book Co.	4.00	
American Book Co.	4.40	

Paid Houghton, Miflin Co.	$5.63	
E. E. Babb Co.	1.58	
Macmillan Co.	19.02	
Chas. A. Merrill Co.	4.56	
American Book Co.	26.14	
E. E. Babb Co.	7.01	
J. L. Hammett Co.	59.69	
J. L. Hammett Co. (50 diplomas)	10.00	
E. E. Babb Co.	13.90	
Milton Bradley Co.	10.38	
J. L. Hammett Co.	26.59	
J. L. Hammett Co.	37.95	
		$264.71
Balance unexpended		$185.29

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Appropriation		$400.00
Balance from last year		47.00
Received from state for superintendent's salary		300.00
		$747.00
Paid Supt. F. S. Libbey, one-half year	$286.66	
Supt. W. L. McDonald, one-half year	300.00	
Members of School Board:		
W. S. Manning	40.00	
Wm. Melendy	40.00	
Bertha E. French	30.00	
Mary E. Manning, treasurer	15.00	
Sam H. Ray, truant officer	6.00	
		717.66
Balance on hand		$29.34

FINANCES.

For fiscal year ending Feb. 15, 1917.

Revenue.

CURRENT.

Balance from last year	$498.37
Amount raised by law	2,085.00
Amount raised extra	1,600.00
Amount assessed for books and supplies	450.00
Amount assessed for High school tuition	400.00
Amount assessed for flags and appurtenances	10.00
Amount assessed for officers' salaries	400.00
Amount of literary fund received from state	161.46
Amount received from state:	
For district superintendent	300.00
For support of schools	398.36
Amount received from dog licenses	166.00
Total for current expense	$6,469.19

Extraordinary.

Amount raised for repairs	$1,000,00
	$7,469.19

Expenditures.

CURRENT.

Amount for text-books	$111.70
dictionaries, maps and apparatus	46.93
scholars' supplies	106.08
teachers' salaries	37,114.60
superintendent	586.66
school board	110.00

Amount for truant officer	$6.00
enumeration of pupils	10.00
treasurer of school board	15.00
high school and academy tuition	384.52
flags and appurtenances	6.00
transportation	195.98
janitor service	88.50
fuel	249.80
unclassified expense	102.90
minor repairs	93.82
tuition, grade 2, Amherst	7.50
Total current expense	$5,835.99

EXTRAORDINARY.

Amount paid for new desks and chairs	$417.85
slate blackboards	58.35
special repairs	523.80
	$6,835.99
Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1917	633.20
	$7,469.19

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1917		$633.20
Amount due teachers, winter term	$393.00	
Amount due janitors, winter term	26.50	
		419.50
		$213.70
Advanced by state for superintendent's salary to Aug. 31, 1917		150.00
Balance school funds at end of winter term		$63.70

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. MANNING,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Date.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex.	Liv., Still-born.	No.	Father's Age.	Mother's Age.	Name of Father.
Jan. 10	——— Lacroix.....	M	S	9	..	..	George Lacroix.....
Jan. 20	——— Flanders...	F	S	3	36	38	William M. Flanders
Jan. 25	Irene S. Martin....	F	L	6	32	27	Walter F. Martin...
Feb. 13	Robert Fleming....	M	L	1	20	17	Robert Fleming....
Feb. 26	Henry I. Faucher..	M	L	2	25	31	Louis A. Faucher...
Mar. 15	Gertrude M. Jenkins	F	L	6	44	36	Ernest A. Jenkins..
April 13	Marie B. Damour..	F	L	8	30	32	Joseph Damour.....
June 20	Donald H. Peaslee..	M	L	4	29	29	Harry W. Peaslee..
July 16	Aurore Godbout....	F	L	10	43	33	Joseph Godbout....
Aug. 10	Marie J. S. Smith...	F	L	8	39	38	Ubald Smith.....
Aug. 21	Joseph R. F. Martel	M	L	3	33	28	Delphice Martel....
Oct. 30	Rodolf E. Langervin	M	L	12	42	40	Fred Langervin.....
Nov. 21	Joseph M. L. Hebert	M	L	12	47	45	Stanislas Hebert...
Dec. 15	Gladys A. Welch...	F	L	6	36	35	Frank Welch.....
Dec. 15	James S. Johonnett.	M	L	4	43	22	Henry E. Johonnett.

I hereby certify that the above birth record is correct

N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECMBER 31, 1916.

Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Adouilda Bourquette	Laborer	Hinsdale, N. H.	New Bedford, Mass.
Georgina Morrison	Farmer	Coventry, Vt.	Sherbrooke, P. Q.
Lillian E. Rollins	B. & M. trackman	Orange, N. H.	Newbury, N. H.
Etta Zatschka	Teamster	Vermont	New Hampshire
Almira M. Petit	Farmer	Manchester, N. H.	Canada
Mary S. Currie	Farmer	Bedford, N. H.	Scotland
Exilda Duferron	Mason	Canada	Canada
Fannie Fuller	Farmer	Bedford, N. H.	New Hampshire
Eva Lavoie	Farmer	St. C. de Wot., P. Q.	Manchester, N. H.
Ida Paquette	Farmer	Canada	Canada
Amanda Pelleran	Laborer	Canada	Canada
Emma Montbleau	Farmer	Canada	Canada
Louise Helie	Weaver	Canada	Canada
Mary Bouten	Laborer	Bedford, N. H.	Canada
Millie Gilman	Teamster	New Boston, N. H.	Gilford, Me.

to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK E. MANNING, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Date.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Single, Mar., Wid.
		Y.	M.	D.			
Jan. 10	——— Lacroix.....	..	..	..	Bedford	M	S
Jan. 20	——— Flanders.....	..	..	..	Bedford	F	S
Jan. 18	Seth P. Campbell.....	75	5	5	Bedford	M	M
Jan. 29	William R. Burleigh....	64	11	16	Somersworth	M	M
Feb. 7	Annie E. Campbell.....	69	11	26	Alburg, Vt.....	F	W
Feb. 16	Sarah Christine Adams..	1	1	16	Manchester	F	S
Feb. 17	Irene Stella Martin.....	..	..	23	Bedford	F	S
Feb. 28	Thomas Savage Burns...	73	10	9	Bedford	M	W
Mar. 22	Charles Henry Gage....	70	4	5	Bedford	M	M
Apr. 16	Ervin Harry Poehlman..	15	5	13	Bedford	M	S
May 19	Melissa Smith.....	80	3	2	Franklin, P. Q...	F	W
May 4	Martha D. Barnard.....	75	6	20	Bedford	F	S
July 2	Marianne Breault.....	66	2	24	Canada	F	M
June 27	Bertha Ramig.....	82	6	12	Germany	F	W
Aug. 10	Fred White.....	54	5	..	.....	M	..
Sept. 6	Louis Monty.....	67	7	13	Hooksett	M	M
Sept. 24	Joseph P. Gage.....	73	4	19	Merrimack	M	M
Sept. 28	William W. Darrah....	64	4	19	Bedford	M	M
Oct. 7	Edwin A. Loomis.....	76	11	19	Lancashire, Eng..	M	W
Oct. 9	Walter Gelinas.....	50	..	..	Canada	M	M
Oct. 24	Joseph I. Couture.....	53	9	13	Canada	M	S
Nov. 5	Rodolf E. Langervin...	..	..	6	Bedford	M	S
Nov. 19	George N. Signor.....	69	4	10	Chat'guay, N. Y..	M	M
Nov. 26	Malvina Bourque.....	73	10	9	Canada	F	W
Dec. 15	Lucy Campbell.....	89	11	4	Newport	F	W
Dec. 21	Joseph M. L. Hebert....	..	1	..	Bedford	M	S

I hereby certify that the above return is correct,

N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECMBER 31, 1916.

Disease or Cause of Death.	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Stillborn	.....	George Lacroix	Adouilda Bourquette
Stillborn	.....	William M. Flanders	Georgina Morrison
Intestinal hemorrhage	Laborer	Seth Page Campbell.	Mary McClinch
Angina pectoris	Lawyer	Micajah Burleigh	Mary F. Russell
Asthenia	Housewife	Antoine Campbell	
Cerebral meningitis	.....	Frank Adams	Addie Fosher
Premature birth	.....	Walter F. Martin	Lillian E. Rollins
Apoplexy	Farmer	Wiseman C. Burns	Eliza Harris
Senile debility	Farmer	George W. Gage	Lovisia M. Roby
Pneumonia	.....	Fred'k E. Poehlman.	Anna Pfretschmer
Bronchitis	.....	Hiram Nokes	Naomi Lewis
Cerebral hemorrhage	.....	Daniel Barnard	Martha D. Riddle
Cancer of liver	Housewife	——— Lecloux	
Angina pectoris	.....	Ernest Meinert	Christinia Obitz
Crhonic nephritis	Laborer	Frank White	
Drowning	Farmer	Clement Monty	Rose St. Jean
Broncho-pneumonia	Farmer	Enoch Gage	Rebecca Prince
Diabetes-melitis	Farmer	James Darrah	Cynthia N. Walker
Uremia coma	Farmer	John Loomis	Jane Holt
Accidental	Carpenter	Clement Gelinas	Olivine Boucher
Nephritis	.....	Joseph I. Couture	Marie F. Belanger
Congestion of lungs	.....	Fred Langervin	Emma Montbleau
Angina pectoris	Farmer	Russell B. Signor	Minerva Joslen
Chronic nephritis	.....	Seraphin Jarest	Marie E. Desrochers
Erysipelas	.....	——— Tompkins	
Atupsia	.....	Stanislas Hebert	Louise Elie

to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK E. MANNING, Town Clerk.

Brought to town for burial: Elizabeth Marshall, died March 7, 1916; age, 65 years, 9 months, 15 days. Sarah D. Tolford, age 67 years.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Date.	Place of of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence.	Age.	Occupation of Bride and Groom.
May 1	Manchester..	Hippolyte Douville.....	Bedford	21	Mill operative
		Julia Shiney.....	Bedford	16	Mill operative
June 2	Manchester..	Ernest R. Saunders....	Bedford	21	Musician ...
		Beatrice A. Cheever....	Manchester	21	.....
June 28	Nashua.....	Benjamin W. Nichols...	Bedford	47	Farmer .....
		Annie D. Bailey.....	Bedford	29	Seamstress...
July 31	Manchester..	Harrie Ellis Clark.....	Bedford	30	Real estate..
		Rena Grace Wiggin....	Derry	25	At home....
Sept. 4	Manchester..	Ernest Vigneault.....	Bedford	26	Barber .....
		Theresa Trahan.....	Manchester	23	.....
Sept. 2	Bedford.....	Frank Senter Farley...	Bedford	25	Electrician ..
		Marion Mae Clark.....	Bedford	22	Teacher ....
Sept. 13	Manchester..	Joseph Lajoie.....	Manchester	27	Baker .....
		Flavie Gocha.....	Bedford	23	.....
Oct. 17	Manchester..	William Pierson Shepard	Bedford	69	Farmer .....
		Mary Frances Lane....	Bedford	58	Housewife ..
Nov. 13	Manchester..	Francis Xav. Desroches	Bedford	61	Farmer .....
		Marie Alphonsine Lemay	Bedford	68	Housewife ..
Nov. 25	Bedford.....	Harry Nelson Fosher...	Bedford	25	Machinist ...
		Marion Estella Conner.	Bedford	19	At home.....

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N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECMBER 31, 1916.

Birthplace of Each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	No. of Marr.	By Whom Married.
Manchester	Frank X. Douville..	Canada	1	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Priest, Manchester
	Philomene Laroche..	Canada		
Manchester	Joseph Shiney.....	Vermont	1	
	Mary Cayer.....	Canada		
Pawtucket, R. I.	Charles E. Saunders.	Pawtucket, R. I.	1	George R. Hazard, Clergyman, Manchester
	Ida M. Robar.....	Nova Scotia.....		
Barre, Vt.....	Lewis A. Cheever...	Walden, Vt.....	1	
	Harriet Clarke.....	Canada		
Bedford	Benjamin W. Nichols	Bedford	1	Rev. W. H. Morrison, Clergyman, Nashua
	Mehit. L. Spaulding.	New Brunswick.		
New Brunswick.	Benjamin Dixon....	New Brunswick.	2	
	Florence Bunton....	New Brunswick.		
Manchester	Charles H. Clark...	Derry	1	Rev. Ora W. Craig, Priest of Protestant Episcopal Church, Manchester
	Hannah F. Williams.	N. Andover, Mass.		
Derry	Irvin D. Wiggin....	Derry	1	
	Cora B. Thurber....	Hampstead		
Canada	William Vigneault..	Canada	1	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Priest, Manchester
	Olivine Lambert....	Canada		
Manchester	Nelson Trahan.....	Canada	1	
	Marie Dery.....	Canada		
Bedford	Charles P. Farley...	Bedford	1	Rev. Thomas Chalmers, Cong. Minister, Manchester
	Elizabeth C. Clapp..	Dam'iscotta, Me.		
Manchester	Charles H. Clark...	Derry	1	
	Hannah F. Williams.	N. Andover, Mass.		
Manchester	Joseph Lajoie.....	Canada	1	George A. Little, Justice of the Peace, Manchester
	Emelie Gauthier....	Canada		
Manchester	Eugene McLeod....	Canada	2	
	Georgianna Lambert.	Canada		
Bedford	John H. Shepard...	Bedford	2	Rev. Thomas Chalmers, Cong. Minister, Manchester
	Sarah A. Pierson...	Tewksbury, Mass.		
Raymond	John M. Stevens...	Raymond	2	
	Elvira Smart.....	Raymond		
Canada	Telesphore Desroches	Canada	2	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Priest, Manchester
	Lucie Cote.....	Canada		
Canada	Pierre Duquet.....	Canada	3	
	Marguerite Russeau.	Canada		
Bedford	Irving J. Fosher....	Bedford	1	Rev. Thomas Chalmers, Clergyman, Manchester
	Eva E. McAllaster..	Bedford		
Bedford	Eddie L. Conner....	Bedford	1	
	Clara E. Campbell..	Bedford		

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FRANK E. MANNING, Town Clerk.

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